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FROM: Dean D. Efstathiou
Acting Director of Public Works

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BOARD MOTION OF AUGUST 5, 2008, AGENDA ITEM 17 MONTHLY REPORT ON PROGRESS OF WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

On August 5, 2008, your Board directed the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to report monthly on the progress of the County's multidepartmental water conservation efforts. The following is the second monthly report that summarizes the progress of a collaborative effort to implement the water conservation and drought response actions approved by your Board on July 1, 2008.

Action No. 1 (100 percent complete)

Declare a Countywide Water Supply and Conservation Alert.

On August 5, 2008, your Board adopted a resolution declaring a Countywide Water Supply and Conservation Alert urging County residents, businesses, local water purveyors, and cities to intensify water conservation efforts. Public Works will prepare and send a letter to all 88 cities in the Los Angeles County to inform them of the Alert and request their support to intensify water conservation efforts.

Action No. 2 (100 percent complete pending adoption by your Board)

Update and adopt a water wasting ordinance for unincorporated County areas and the Waterworks Districts' Phased Water Conservation Plan.

A water wasting ordinance was approved by your Board on October 7, 2008 (see Attachment A). The ordinance establishes water conservation and waste prevention measures for unincorporated County areas. In addition, the Waterworks Districts' Phased Water Conservation Plan has been updated and is expected to be submitted for your Board's consideration in early November.

Action No. 3 (30 percent complete)

Direct all County departments to evaluate water usage, immediately implement conservation measures to reduce consumption by a target amount of 10 percent by December 31, 2008, and report back to your Board with recommended measures to reduce consumption by an additional 10 percent.

The Internal Services Department (ISD), Public Works, and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) are utilizing ISD's Enterprise Energy Management Information System to track the effectiveness of water conservation efforts at most County facilities. The Enterprise Energy Management Information System will facilitate reporting using water bill information from all County departments. An initial report on water savings results for calendar year 2008 is expected to be available in early 2009. Following the initial report, updated reports will be provided to your Board on a regular basis.

At the September 23, 2008, quarterly meeting of Countywide departmental facility managers, water conservation technologies and incentive programs were discussed. Representatives of the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Metropolitan Water District gave presentations on their water conservation rebate and incentive programs. County facilities may be eligible to receive rebates of 50 to 100 percent of equipment costs for use of water-saving devices. Facility managers from DPR, Beaches and Harbors, ISD, Community Development Commission, and the Sheriff and Fire Departments attended the meeting and propose to actively purchase and install water saving devices. ISD will work with these departments to compile a list of water conservation projects and estimate the water savings.

Action No. 4 (100 percent complete)

Send a five-signature letter to the Governor and leadership of the Legislature urging the State to expedite the award of bond funds from Propositions 84 and 1E to local agencies, including the County of Los Angeles.

A five-signature letter was sent to the Governor and leadership of the Legislature on July 7, 2008.

Action No. 5 (100 percent complete)

Send a five-signature letter to the Governor and leadership of the Legislature expressing support for the Governor's Delta Vision, which provides a comprehensive,

sustainable management plan for the Delta that includes conveyance, expanded storage, ecosystem restoration, and conservation.

A five-signature letter was sent to the Governor and leadership of the Legislature on September 12, 2008 (see Attachment B).

Action No. 6 (30 percent complete)

Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) through the Office of Recycled Water and the Energy and Environmental Policy Team in collaboration with ISD, Public Works, DPR, Fire, Sheriff, and other appropriate departments to develop a recycled, nonpotable water infrastructure plan for County facilities; the planning process to include consultation with appropriate water purveyors and waste water treatment agencies. The recycled water infrastructure plan should establish priorities based upon amount of potable water saved and include a funding analysis and recommendations.

The Recycled Water Infrastructure Implementation Committee established criteria for determining the County facilities to be included in three phases of conversion to recycled water. These criteria have been applied to DPR facilities and will be applied to all remaining County facilities. Cost estimates for the initial phase have been prepared and work continues on preparing cost estimates for the remaining County phases. The Committee is preparing the report to be submitted to your Board describing the plan.

Action No. 7 (25 percent complete)

Direct the CEO, working with the Energy and Environmental Policy Team and with input from water conservation specialists to ensure utilization of Best Management Practices, including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and Low Impact Development, to develop a water conservation policy applicable to retrofit, refurbishment, and new construction of County facilities and grounds.

The CEO, Public Works, DPR, and ISD are collaboratively preparing a checklist of Best Management Practices, including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and Low Impact Development that will be used to ensure that appropriate water conservation practices are incorporated in projects for the retrofit, refurbishment, and new construction of County facilities and grounds.

Action No. 8 (100 percent complete)

Instruct the Acting Director of Public Works and the Director of Planning to consult with the various water agencies that provide water services to County unincorporated areas, and report back to your Board in 30 days requesting information on how the drought may impact the land development review process for both discretionary and ministerial applications, and what your Board can expect regarding future actions by water agencies on pending development projects in the unincorporated area.

Public Works and DPR sent a Drought Impact Questionnaire to unincorporated County area retail water purveyors requesting information on how the drought may impact the land development review process. A report summarizing the responses to the Questionnaire was completed on October 9, 2008, and sent to all Board offices.

Updates on these Action Items are also available on the Countywide Energy and Environmental website at <http://www.green.lacounty.gov>, which will be updated regularly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me or your staff may contact Adam Ariki at (626) 300-3300.

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Attach.

cc: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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Chief Executive Office (William T Fujioka, Lari Sheehan)
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Department of Beaches and Harbors
Department of Parks and Recreation
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ATTACHMENT A

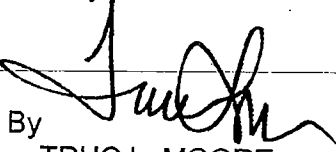
ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 11 – Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to Water and Sewers, to readopt Part 4 of Chapter 11.38 – Water Conservation Requirements for the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Area.

Pursuant to Section 2 of Ordinance No. 91-0046U, Part 4 of Chapter 11.38 – Water Conservation Requirements for the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Area, terminated on January 1, 1993. This ordinance readopts the same provisions, which were previously set forth in Part 4, except that this ordinance does not have a sunset date, revises the fine amounts, and sets forth a review mechanism.

This ordinance is an urgency measure and requires a four-fifths vote by the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By 
TRUC L. MOORE
Deputy County Counsel
Public Works Division

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08/13/08 (Requested)

09/17/08 (Revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An urgency ordinance amending Title 11 – Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to water conservation requirements for the Unincorporated Los Angeles County Area.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11.38, Part 4, is hereby readopted as amended to read as follows:

**Part 4. Water Conservation Requirements for the Unincorporated
Los Angeles County Area**

11.38.620 Hose watering prohibition.

No person shall hose water or wash down any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking areas or other paved surfaces, except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first infraction and \$500.00 each for each subsequent infraction violation.

11.38.630 Watering of lawns and landscaping.

A. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

B. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping more than once a day.

C. No person shall water or cause to be watered any lawn or landscaping to such an extent that runoff into adjoining streets, parking lots or alleys occurs due to incorrectly directed or maintained sprinklers or excessive watering.

D. It shall be the duty of all persons to inspect all hoses, faucets and sprinkling systems for leaks, and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.

E. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first infraction and \$500.00 each for each subsequent infraction violation.

11.38.640 Indoor plumbing and fixtures.

A. It shall be the duty of all persons to inspect all accessible indoor plumbing and faucets for leaks, and to cause all leaks to be repaired as soon as is reasonably practicable.

B. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$500100.00 for each subsequent violation.

11.38.650 Washing vehicles.

No motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or other type of mobile equipment may be washed, except at a commercial carwash or with reclaimed water, unless such vehicle is washed by using a hand-held bucket or a water-hose equipped with an automatic shutoff nozzle. No person shall leave a water hose running while washing a vehicle or at any other time. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the

first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first
infraction and \$500.00 each for each subsequent infractions violation.

11.38.660 Public eating places.

No restaurant, hotel, cafeteria, café, or other public place where food is sold or served shall serve drinking water to any customer unless specifically requested to do so by such customer. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first
infraction and \$500.00 each for each subsequent infractions violation.

11.38.670 Decorative fountains.

No person shall use water to clean, fill, or maintain levels in decorative fountains, ponds, lakes, or other similar aesthetic structures unless such water flows through a recycling system. Willful violation hereof shall be subject to a written warning for the first violation, and shall be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for the first
infraction and \$500.00 each for each subsequent infractions violation.

11.38.680 Procedural requirements.

The Director of Public Works, with input and concurrence from the Director of Public Health, shall periodically review the provisions of this Part and recommend necessary updates to the Board of Supervisors. The review of these provisions and preparation of resulting recommendations, if any, shall be performed, at a minimum, every two years following the first review, which shall to be completed by December 31, 2010.

SECTION 2. Due to the severity of the drought in the State of California, there is an immediate need to prohibit the wasting of water in the Los Angeles County unincorporated area to better utilize the available water supplies. This ordinance is urgently needed for the preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare, and shall take effect immediately.

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ATTACHMENT B



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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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September 12, 2008

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:


On behalf of the ten million residents living in Los Angeles County, we want to thank you for your leadership in developing a durable vision for sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta (Delta). We support the 12 recommendations contained in the *Delta Vision* report, which provides a comprehensive, sustainable management plan for the Delta, including the need for conveyance, expanded storage, ecosystem restoration, and conservation.

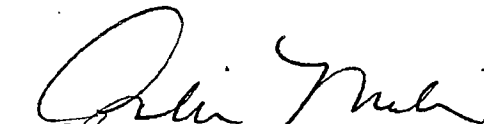
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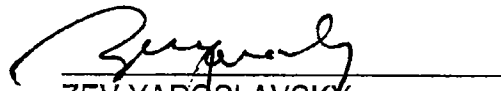
We look forward to the planned completion of the Blue Ribbon Task Force's strategic *Delta Vision* implementation plan in October 2008 and the prompt introduction of a legislative proposal to carry the *Vision* forward to reality.


Sincerely,


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The Honorable Karen Bass
Speaker, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Madam Speaker:

On behalf of the ten million residents living in Los Angeles County, we urge your support for the 12 recommendations contained in the *Delta Vision* report, which provides a comprehensive, sustainable management plan for the Delta, including the need for conveyance, expanded storage, ecosystem restoration, and conservation.


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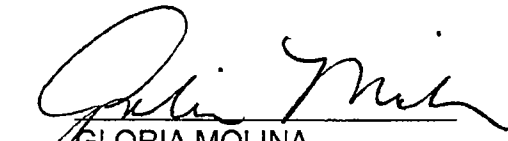
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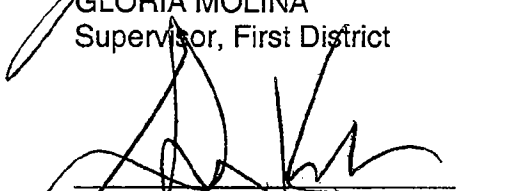
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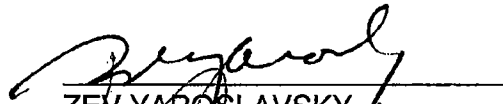
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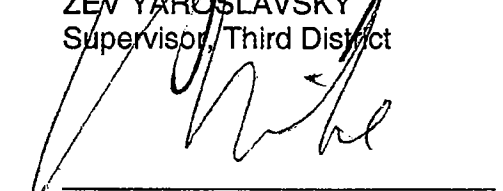
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The Honorable Michael N. Villines
Assembly Minority Floor Leader
State Capitol, Room 3104
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Villines:

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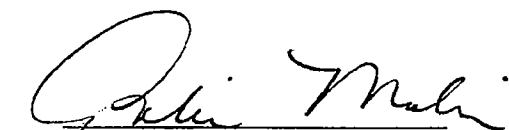
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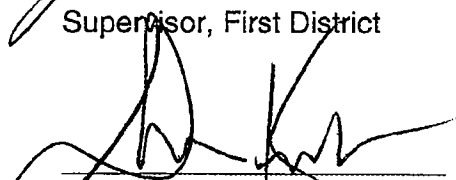
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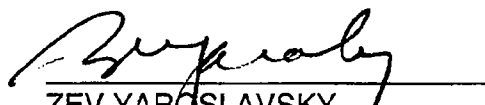
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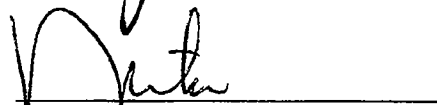
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The Honorable Dave Cogdill
Senate Minority Floor Leader
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

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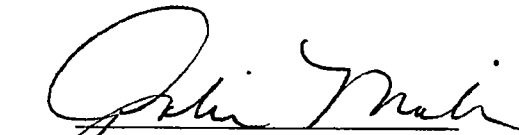
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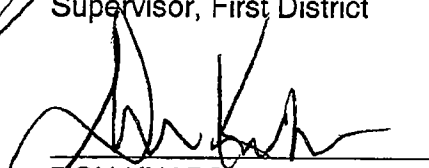
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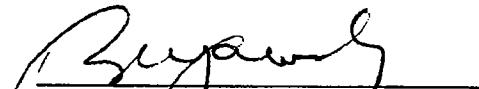
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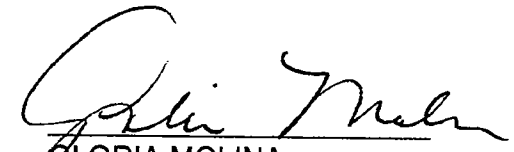
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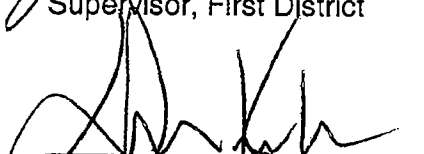
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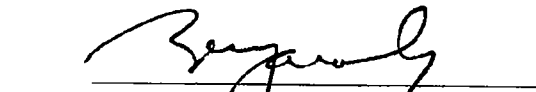
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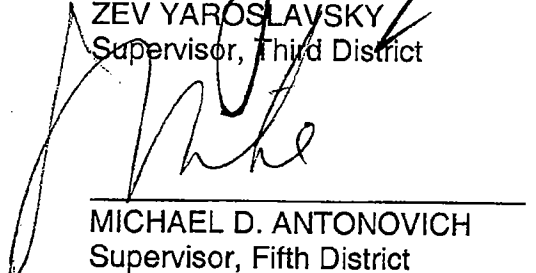
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